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NOTE TO: DDO

1. Dillon Ripley, the Secretary of the Smithsonian, came to see me this morning. He was talking about the Aldabra Group in the Seychelles. The Aldabra is not suitable for installations, tourism, or anything else. It is simply an isolated group, 700 miles west of the central part of the Seychelles (north of Madagascar).

2. The Royal Society of England is putting up \$150,000 for scientific research in the Seychelles. The Smithsonian now puts in \$5,000. [REDACTED]

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3. I told Dillon that it was unlikely that CIA could help in this project, particularly is no installations of any kind would be permitted there. Dillon felt that the financing of this activity would be very good for the new Seychelles government.

4. For further reference, there is a book, "Aldabra Alone," by Tony Beamish--a Sierra Club book.

5. If anyone in the Agency has any interest in talking further about this, please let me know.

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George Bush
Director

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